Quantity in M.T.

Region	1998-99		1999-2000	
	Loss Qty.	%age	Loss	%age
Punjab	66216	4.25	49959	1.87
Haryana	2953	7.45	730	1.98

The FCI did not make any purchase of paddy in Assam, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh during 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

These figures do not include the loses of paddy procured by State Agencies on Central Pool account.

(c) Does not arise.

Distribution of foodgrains for BPL

3359. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the State Governments have foiled to distribute foodgrains to the people living Below the Poverty Line which are supplied to them at highly subsidised prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whemer foodgrains allotted to the State Governments for distribution to the people living Below Poverty Line have been freely sold in the open markets; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to investigate the matter and take further appropriate action in me matter and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) State Governments/UT Administrations have lifted 19.51 lakh tonnes against die allocation of 39.81 lakh tonnes *i.e.* about 49% of foodgrains allocated for distribution to BPL including Antyodaya families during April, 2001 to June, 2001.

(c) and (d) Public Distribution System is operated under the joint responsibility of Central and State Governments/UT Administrations. The responsibility of distribution of allotted foodgrains to the consumers through

the network of fair price shops and to investigate the complaints regarding black marketing and diversion rests witfi the states/UTs. In order to make the PDS accountable and transparent the states/UTs have been advised to involve Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) in the supervision and monitoring of the PDS, especially at the FPS level as measures of social audit.

Increase in custom duty on sugar by Pakistan

3360. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistan Government has decided to increase customs duty on sugar to stem inflow of indian sugar to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the increase that has been made by the Pakistan Government in the customs duty;

(c) to what extent it has affected sugar export from India to Pakistan;

(d) the quantity of sugar so far exported to Pakistan; and

(e) whether after this decision the export has been reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b), (c) and (e) Do not arise.

(d) As per published data of Director General, Commercial Intelligence 3 and Statistics, Kolkata, the following quantities of sugar were exported to Pakistan during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (upto May, 2001):—

SI. No.	Financial Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs.
1.	2000-2001	1.96266	25855.61
2.	2001-2002 (upto May, 2001)	4	0.36

(Provisional Figures)

Foodgrains for cyclone relief in Orissa

† 3361. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) die locations of the godowns where foodgrains meant for cyclone affected people of Orissa, was kept in large quantity for more than a year;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.